Welcome Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

OPI Assessment and Data Conference
Doing It Right
Smarter Administration/Student Registration Data
Sessions 1 and 2
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Agenda

- Introduction and Overview
- Manuals and Training:
 - TAM and Checklists
 - Other Resources
- ART: Assessment Registration Tool
- Scheduling and Timing
- Test Administration
 - Using the Administrator Portal
 - Using the Student Portal
 - Classroom Activity and Performance Tasks
- Practice and Training Tests
- Test Security





Introduction

- Measured Progress, Smarter, OPI staff
- Wonderful things about Montana Smarter
 - The entire grade does not have to test at the same time
 - More than one grade can test at the same time in the same room.
 - Students in different grades taking different tests (Math performance task, ELA computer adaptive, etc.) can all test in the same room.
 - In 2015, test is adaptive unlike the fixed form of the field test





Overview

- Managing Expectations
- Participation
- Test Administrators
- Online reporting
 - Students who move
 - Accommodations
- Registration Deadlines
- Other Important Sessions







Managing Expectations

- Common Core Standards are more rigorous
- Impact of CAT on high-scoring students
- Use professional judgment
 - Does a student or group of students need a break?
- Maintain a positive attitude





Participation

- Grades 3-8 and 11
- Montana Accredited Schools
- BIE Schools
- Not included in participation
 - First year in United States school LEP students do not participate in the ELA
 - Home school students
 - Private non-accredited schools
 - Treatment Centers and Non-accredited Correctional Facilities
 - Part time enrolled students test in resident school
 - Montana Youth Challenge Academy
 - Job Corps





Test Administrators

- System and school-wide training to include test administrators, emergency substitutes, IT and data staff
 - Sign in log for trainers and attendees
 - Complete and keep on file
 - 2015 MontCAS Test Security Guidelines
- Only certified educators employed by the system or school may administer the test.
- Para professionals may assist within sight and sound of the certified educator.
- Plan personnel and procedures for emergencies.





Online Reporting

	AIM	MontCAS Online Reports	OPI	Measured Progress	Other	
SMARTER: Student registration	Χ					
SMARTER: Student registration for designated supports and				X		
accommodations						
SMARTER: Students who move	Х					
SMARTER: Non standard accommodations requests		X				
SMARTER: Testing Irregularities		X	Х			
SMARTER: Test submission and test security agreements				X		
CRT: Student registration	Χ					
CRT: Students who move	х					
CRT: Double starred ** accommodations requests for general		х				
education students						
CRT: Testing Irregularities		х	Х			
CRT: Test security agreements				X		
CRT ALT: Student registration	х					
CRT ALT: Students who move	х			X		
CRT ALT: Double starred ** accommodations requests for general education students						
CRT ALT: Testing Irregularities		X	X			
CRT: Test security agreements				X		
NCSC: Student Registration	х					
NCSC: Students who move	X			Х		
NCSC: Testing irregularities		х	Х			
NCSC: Test security agreements					xSee NCSC NOTE in following table	
All Spring 2015 Assessments: Non-participation reason		X				



Links to Online Reporting

AIM	Use system/school login
 MontCAS Online Reports Smarter Non-Standard Accommodations CRT Double Starred Accommodations Testing Irregularities Non Participation 	https://apps.opi.mt.gov/MontCAS/frmLogin.aspx
OPI	OPI Assessment Contacts
Measured Progress Help Desk for Smarter and the CRT and CRT-Alt	888-792-2741 montanahelpdesk@measuredprogress.org
 Measured Progress: Smarter Test and Test Security Agreement Test Submission ART Designated Supports and Accommodations 	mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org
Measured Progress: CRT and CRT-Alt Test Security Agreement s	iservices.measuredprogress.org
NCSC Test Security Agreements	Test administrators and System Tests Coordinators sign the agreements provided by NCSC. System Test Coordinators keep copies of signed agreements on file. OPI may request copies of the agreements.





Registration (AIM) Deadlines

- Initial registration: January 23
- Detailed information on students who move will be provided after January.
- AIM count date: March 19.
- Enrollment and participation updates in AIM: April 3.

NOTE: Keeping your AIM data correct and up to date will ensure the accurate reporting of participation and assessment results.*

Other Important Smarter Sessions

- Smarter Technology
- Smarter Accommodations
- Smarter Practice and Training Tests
- Smarter Digital Library
- MontCAS Test Security





Manuals

- 5-6 weeks prior to first test session, assessment teams should become familiar with the Smarter test manuals:
 - Smarter TAM
 - ART User Guide
 - Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines
 - Test Security Guidelines
 - MontCAS Online Reporting System User Guide





Smarter TAM

- Test Security
- General rules for testing
- CAT, Classroom Activity, Performance Task
- Instructions for test administration
- Checklists





Recommended Trainings for Assessment Teams

System Test Coordinators, School Coordinators, Administrators, Assessment Teams	Training Location
Setting the Stage 1: Preparing for the MontCAS 2014-2015	http://www.keysurvey.com/f/689819/24 ec/
Setting the Stage 2: Accommodations and Technology	http://www.keysurvey.com/votingmodul e/s180/f/699941/7a9b/
Setting the Stage 3: Test Administration Manual	http://www.keysurvey.com/f/701080/22 7d/
Setting the Stage 4: Data and Registering Students for the MontCAS	http://www.keysurvey.com/f/701081/1d 9d/
Smarter Digital Library	http://www.keysurvey.com/f/709006/16f 3/







Recommended Trainings for Test Administrators

Test Administrators	Training Location
Smarter Test Administration for Test Administrators	To be posted online after the conference
Test Security	To be posted online after the conference
Data Security	To be posted online after the conference





ART

- Assessment Registration Tool
 - And Much More
- Replaces TIDE
- Access through the Measured Progress
 Portal
- Some similarities to MARS
 - Logins, passwords, and rights assigned
 - Student information





Uses for ART

- Create users
 - Such as System Test Coordinators,
 Principals, Test Administrators
 - Lock, unlock, delete and reset users
- Add and edit student accommodations
- Schedule test sessions





ART User Hierarchy

OPI

- Designates System Test Coordinators to receive passwords for their system and schools.
- Systems can request more than one system level password with rights.

System Test Coordinators

 Designate school principals/authorized representatives and/or school test coordinators to receive passwords and roles for their schools.

School Principals/Authorized Representatives and/or School Test Coordinators

 Designate school educators to received passwords and roles for their schools.







ART Users and Roles

	OPI Assessme nt Staff	OPI AIM Staff	System Test Coordinator	Principal/Auth Rep/School Test Coord	Test Admini strator	Special Education Staff	Educator	Other
Designate System Test Coordinator and System Staff	X							
Register enrolled students and students who move		X						
Designate school ART users and roles			X	TBD				
Test Administration			X	TBD	X	TBD	TBD	TBD
Register students for supports and accommodations			X	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Modify student information if necessary			X	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Interim assessments			X	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Digital Library*** Reports			X X	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD

TBD = To be determined by System Test Coordinator

*** For quickest access, contact Pam Birkeland, pbirkeland@mt.gov







Usernames and Passwords

- You must have an authorized username and password in order to log in.
- You can use the same username and password to access all other Smarter Balanced online systems to which you have access.
 - Digital Library
- Your login information is private and should not be shared with anyone else, if others need access, they should obtain their own login credentials. It is an irregularity to share login information





AIM and ART

- Changes to students information must be recorded in AIM
- Updates will then be applied to ART by Measured Progress or the State
- NOTE Exception:
 - Accessibility must be entered in ART by Systems/School.
- Verify students are entered correctly well ahead of scheduling test sessions





Accessing ART

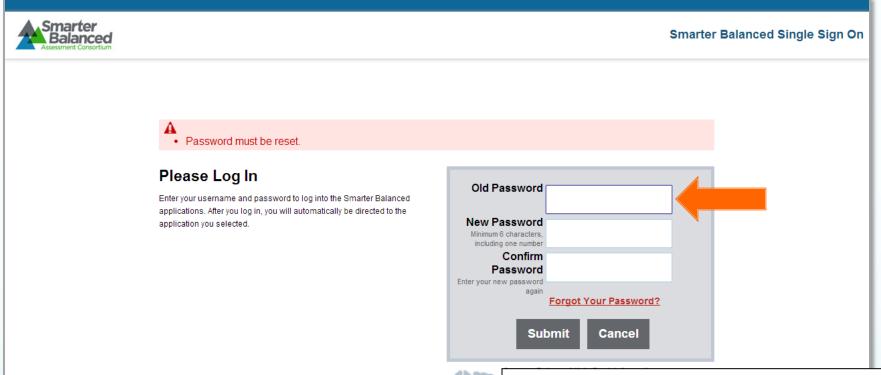








Activate User





Montana Service Desk can be accessed by phone or email: (888)792-2741 or montanahelpdesk@measuredprogress.org







Logging In



You can log in to the portal at https:\\mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org





Navigating ART Home Screen

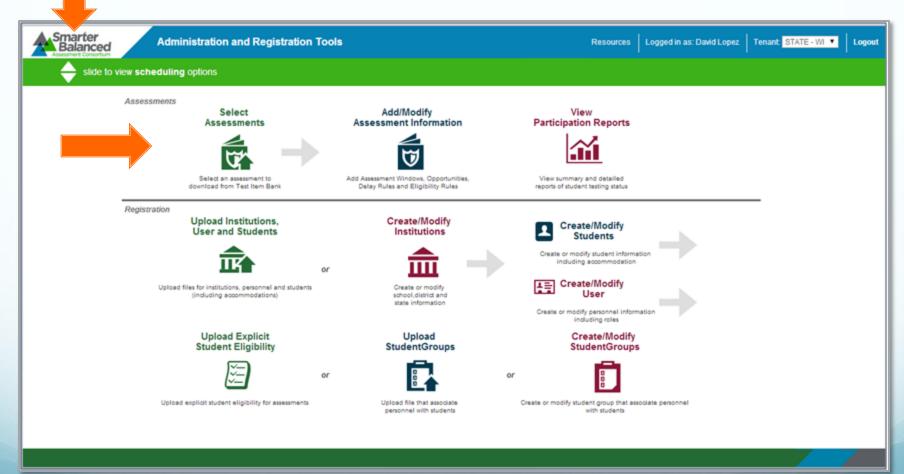








Navigating ART Home Screen

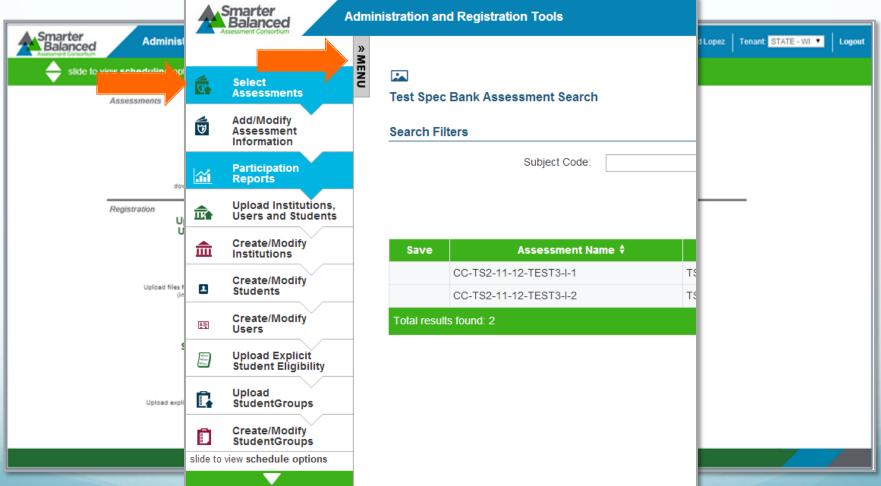








Navigating ART Left Navigation Menu







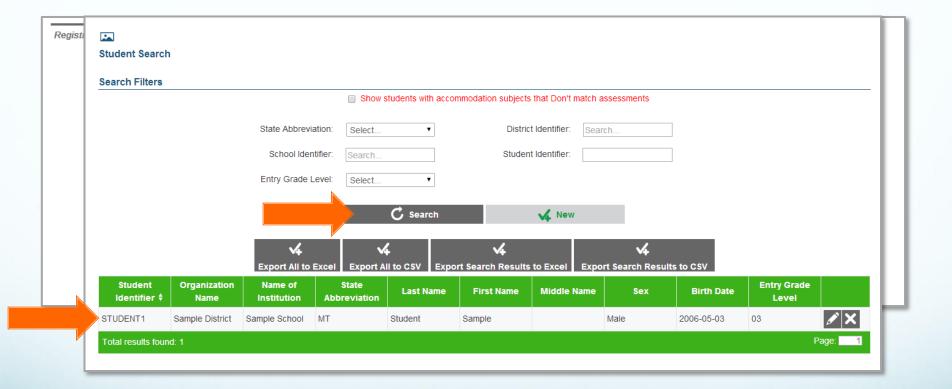


Register Designated Supports and Accommodations





Test Registration Application Register Designated Supports and Accommodations Search for Students









Test Registration Application Add Student Accessibility Resources (Designated Supports and Accommodations)

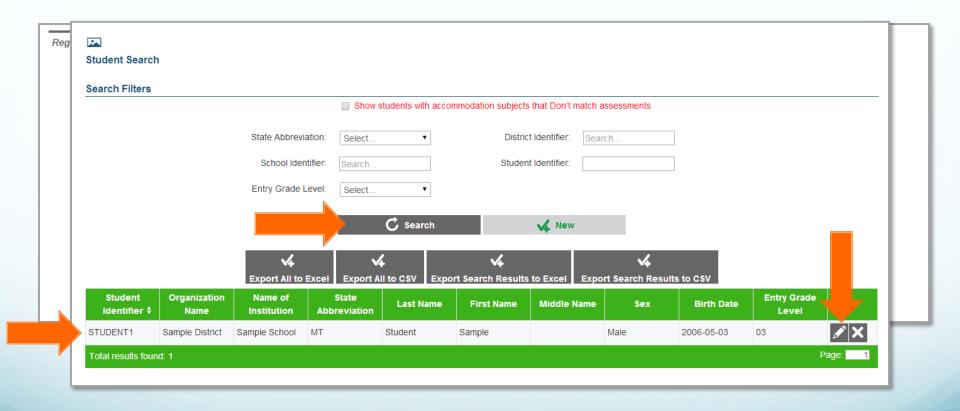
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Test Registration Application To Change Designated Supports or Accommodations Edit a Student

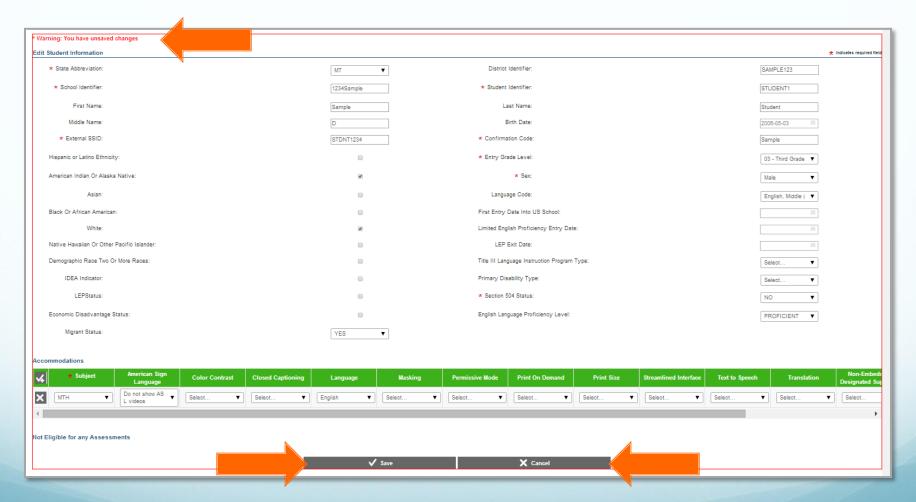








Test Registration Application To Change Designated Supports or Accommodations Edit a Student







Add Users





Test Registration Application Create/Modify User

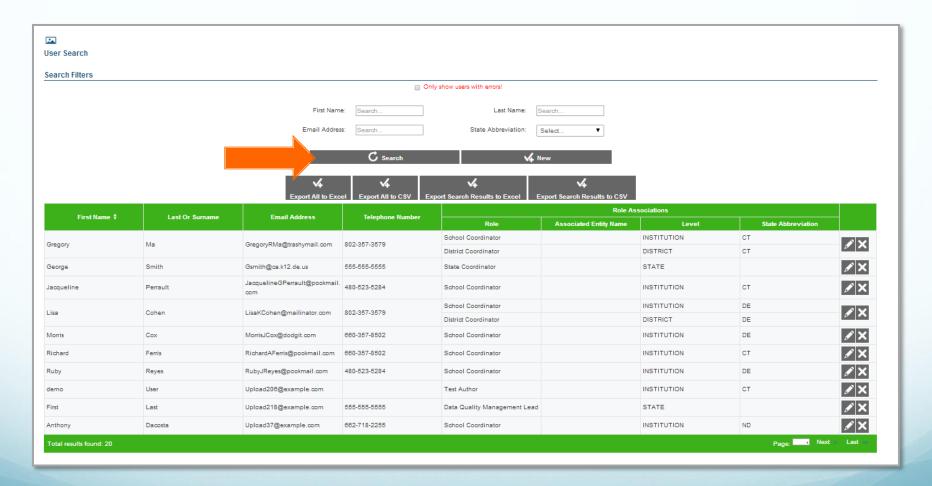








Test Registration Application User Search

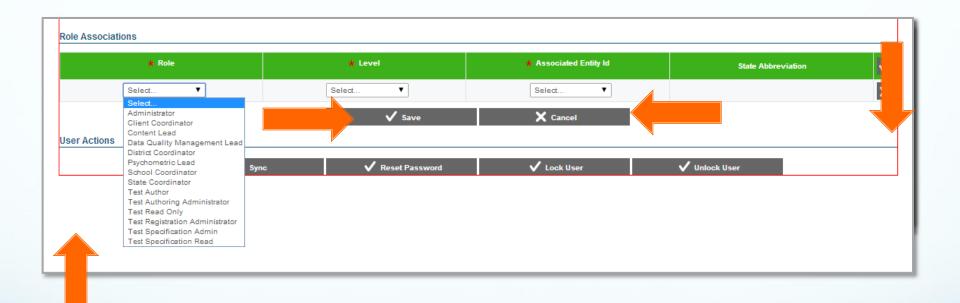








Test Registration Application Create a New User

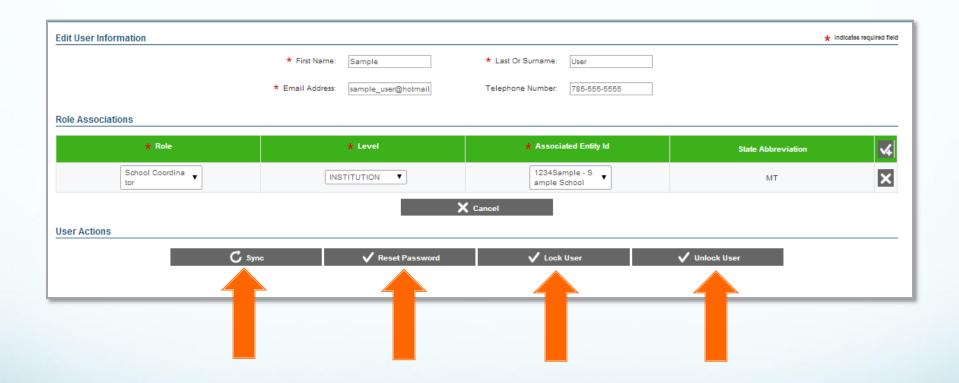








Test Registration Application Edit a User









Test Registration Application Delete a User

Edit User Information			* Indicates required field	
	* First Name: Sample	* Last Or Surname: User		
	* Email Address: sample_user@hotmail	Telephone Number: 785-555-5555		
Role Associations				
★ Role	* Level	* Associated Entity Id	State Abbreviation	
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X Cancel				
User Actions				
C Sync	Reset Password	✓ Lock User	✓ Unlock User	
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Test Administration





Estimated Timing Tables

Content Area	Grades	Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) items hrs : mins	Performanc e Task (PT) hrs : mins	Total hrs : mins	Classroom Activity (administere d prior to the PT)* hrs: mins	Total hrs : mins
English Language Arts/Literacy	3–5	1: 30	2:00	3:30	:30	4:00
	6–8	1:30	2:00	3:30	: 30	4:00
	HS	2:00	2:00	4:00	: 30	4:30
Mathematics	3–5	1:30	1:00	2:30	: 30	3:00
	6–8	2:00	1:00	3:00	: 30	3:30
	HS	2:00	1:30	3:30	: 30	4:00
Both	3–5	3:00	3:00	6:00	1:00	7:00
	6–8	3:30	3:00	6:30	1:00	7:30
	HS	4:00	3:30	7:30	1:00	8:30







Scheduling Considerations

- Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) must be completed 45 days after started or close of test window, whichever occurs first
- Classroom Activity must be completed no later than 3 days before Performance Task (PT)
- Performance Task must be completed within 10 days after started



Session Preparation

- Download secure browsers on all testing stations.
- Test headphones, microphones, appropriate technology.





THE TEST ADMINISTRATOR INTERFACE







Test Administrator Interface

To access the Test Administrator Interface, Test Administrators log into the Montana Smarter Balanced portal at:

https:\\mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org





Test Administrator Interface Logging In



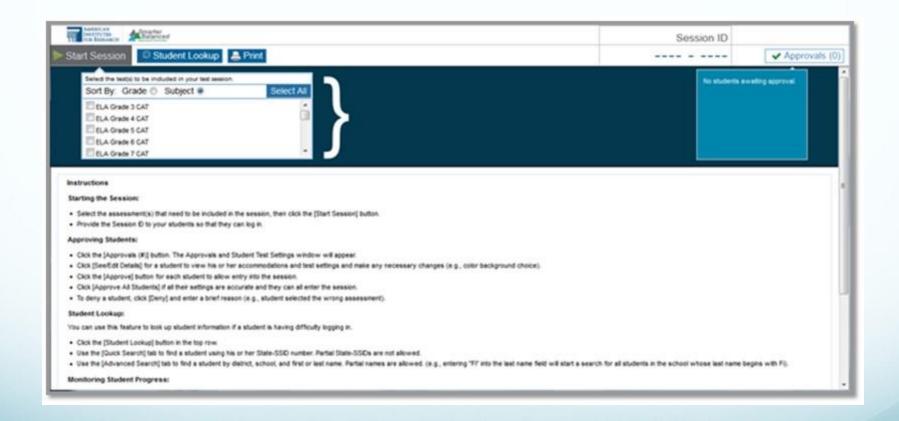
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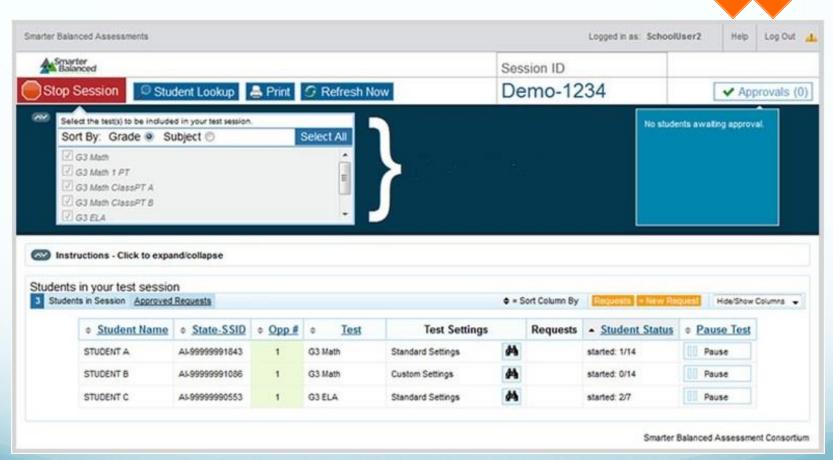
Test Administrator Interface Overview







Test Administrator Interface Navigation

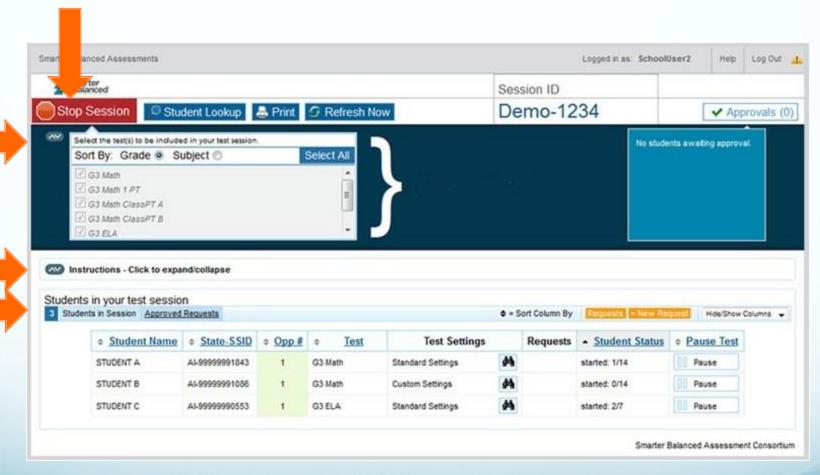








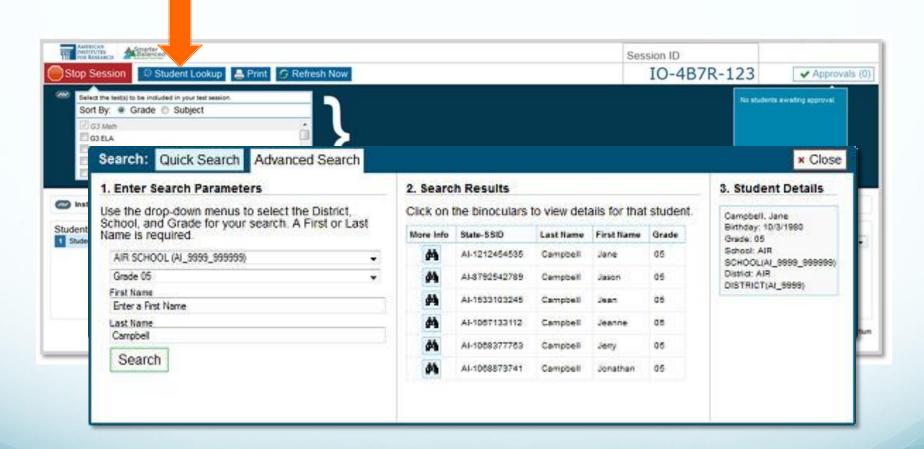
Test Administrator Interface Start/Stop Session







Test Administrator Interface Student Lookup









Printing Test Session Information

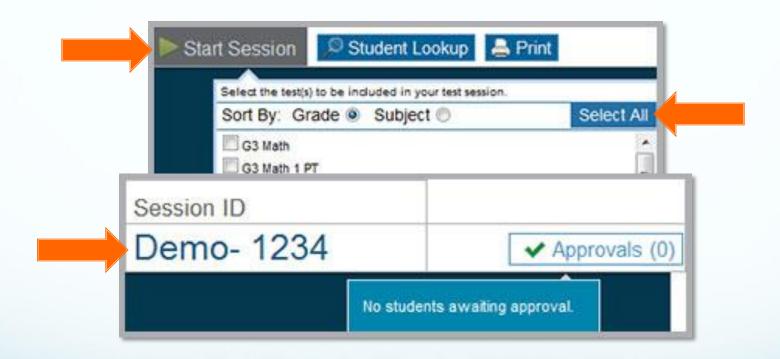








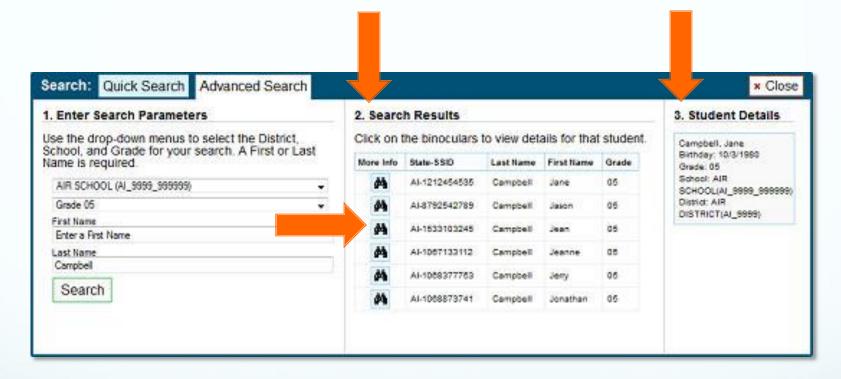
Create a Test Session







Student Lookup









Approving Student Entry









Denying Student Entry



Deny entry to a test session in these circumstances:

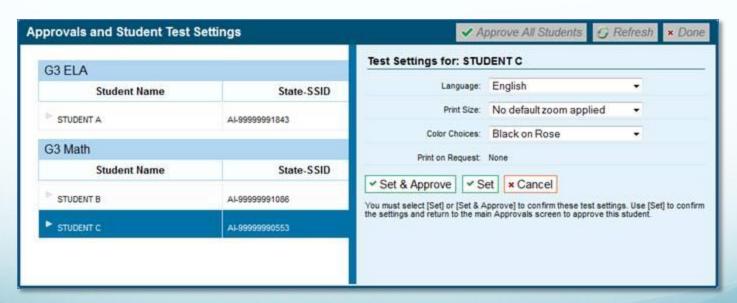
- The student is not supposed to enter this session.
- The student's demographic information is incorrect
- The student's required accommodations are incorrect.





Editing Student Details See/Edit Details



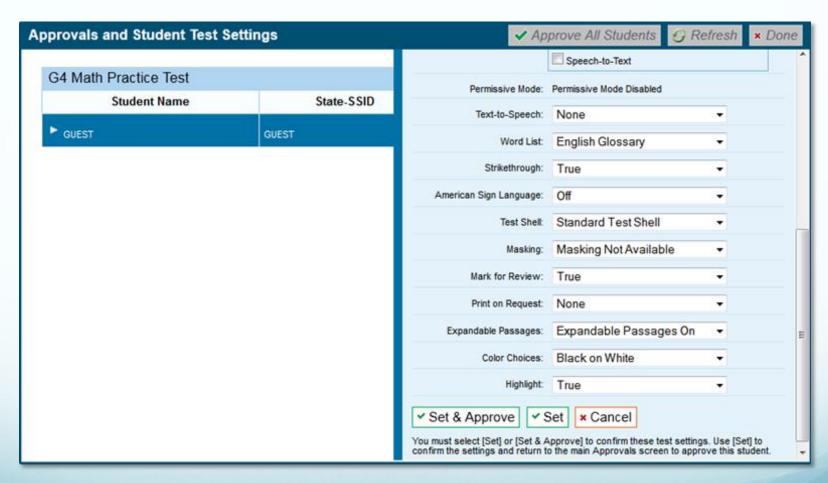








Editing Student Details Turn Settings On and Off

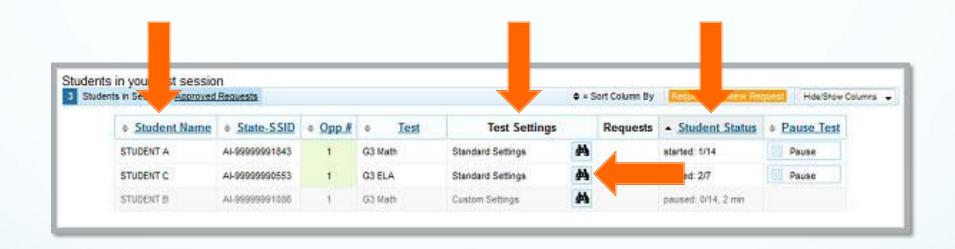








Monitoring Student Status

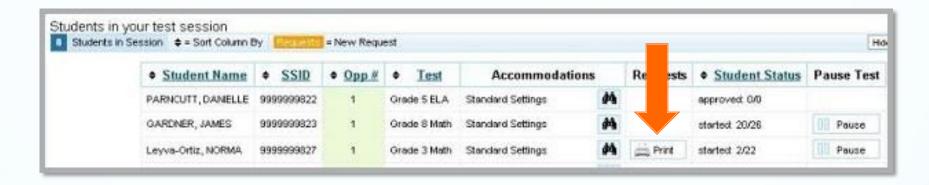


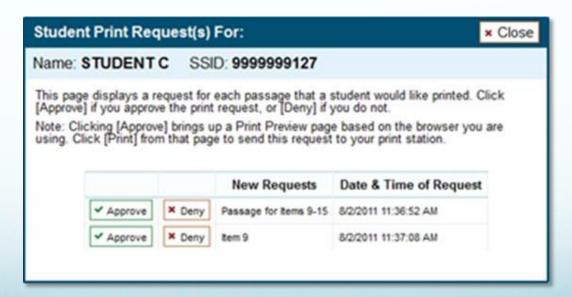






Print on Demand











Pausing and Stopping Sessions

















Transferring Sessions

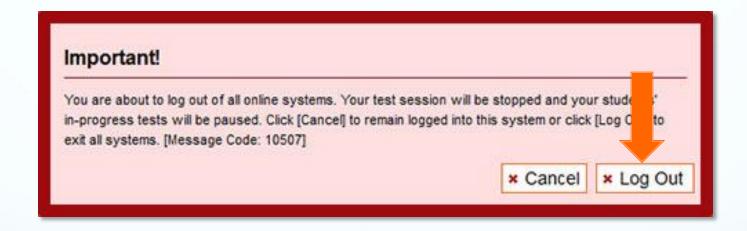








Logging Out of the TA Interface









Troubleshooting

Description	What to Do
What should I do if a session ends?	Log in and start a new session. Provide the students with a new Session ID.
What should I do if a student gets logged out of a test while a session is still active?	If a student's test session is interrupted, the student should log back in and rejoin the session.
What should I do if forbidden applications are running?	The Secure Browser will not allow the student to begin testing if forbidden applications are running. You will see messages advising you which applications must be closed before testing can begin.
What should I do if the computer freezes?	Force quit the Secure Browser and log back in. For instructions, refer to the Test Administration Manual.





THE STUDENT INTERFACE







Student Login







Login Errors

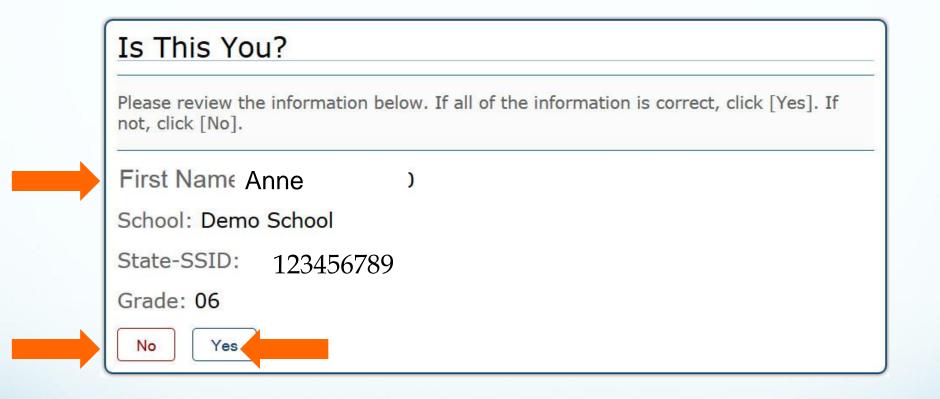
Issue	Error Message	What to Do	
Student first name and SSID do not match what is in the system.	Please check that your information is entered correctly. If you need help, ask your TA.	Verify that the student has entered the correct first name and SSID. You may need to use the Student Lookup Tool, which is located in the TA Interface, to verify that the student is in the system.	
Student enters the Session ID incorrectly.	Session ID does not exist.	Verify that the student has entered the correct Session ID with no extra spaces or characters.	
Student enters an SSID for an incorrect or expired session.	The testing session is closed.	Ensure that the student enters the correct Session ID for the current session. If this does not work, verify that your session is open using the TA interface.	







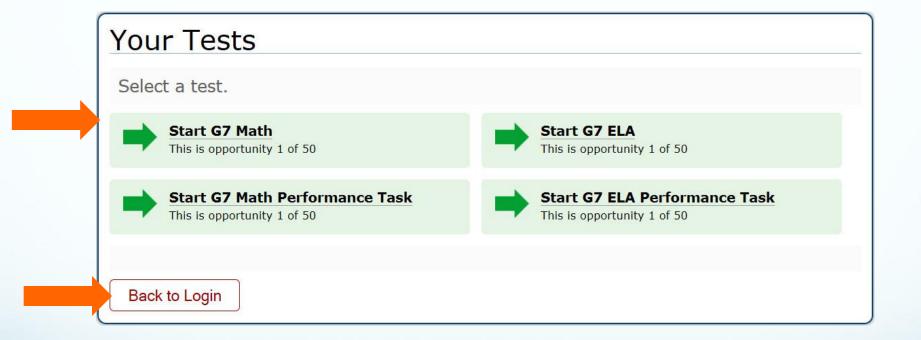
Student Login and Test Selection







Student Login and Test Selection







Login Confirmation

Is This Your Test?

Session ID: Io-4B7R-124

G3 ELA

Color Contrast: Black on White

Language: English

Print on Demand: None

Print Size: No default zoom applied

Text-to-Speech: No Text-to-Speech

Is the test listed above the test you want to take? If it is, click [Yes, Start My Test]. If not, click [No].

No

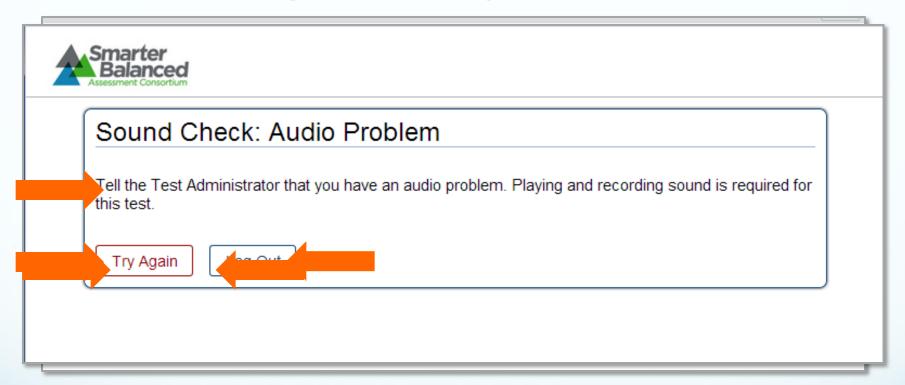
Yes, Start My Test







Sound Check

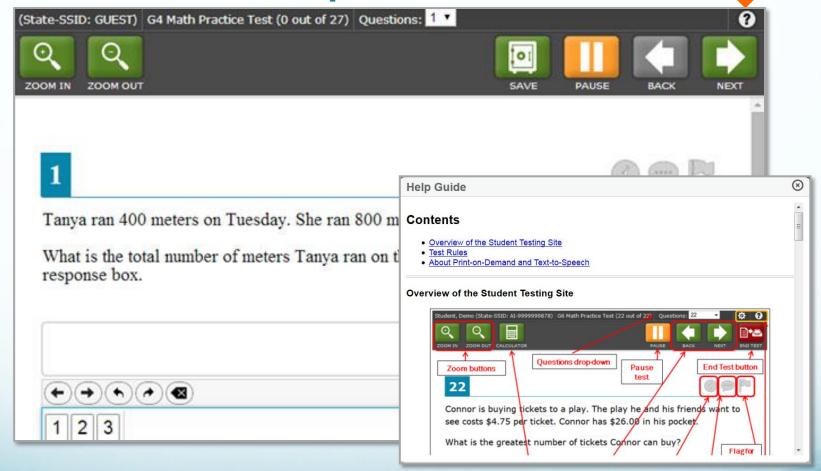








Help Guide









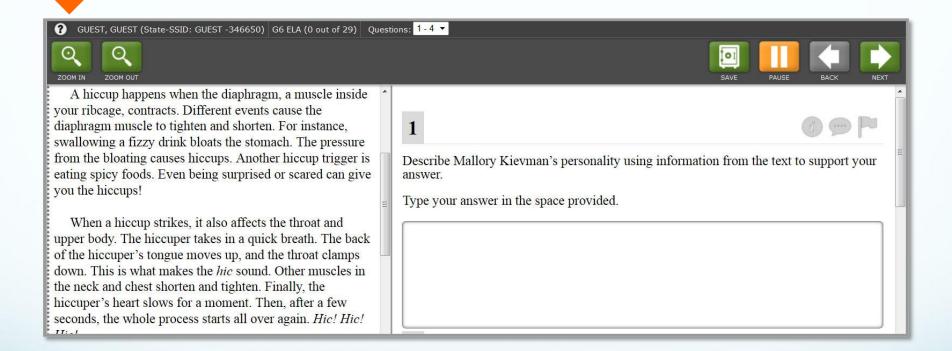
Accessibility Resources

- Universal Tools
- Designated Supports
- Accommodations





Test Interface

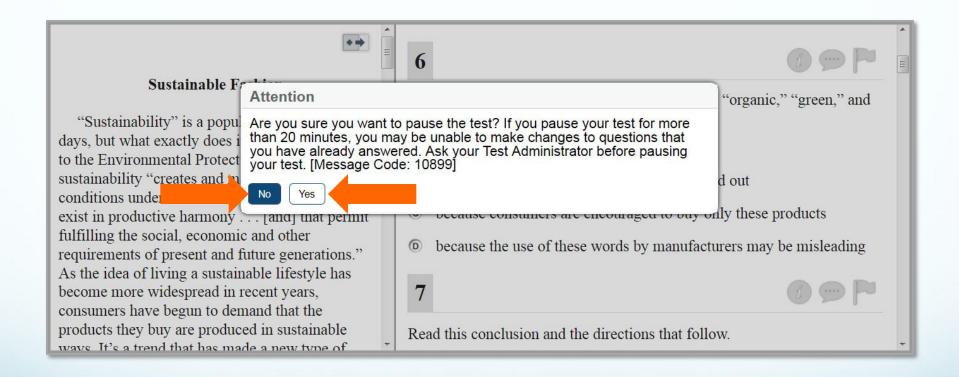








Test Pause









Test Pause Rules

- For performance tasks and for CAT assessments that have been paused for less than 20 minutes, students returning from a break in testing can revisit any items in the current test segment and change their answers if desired.
- Students taking a CAT assessment who have paused their tests for longer than 20 minutes may only return to the most recently visited page containing unanswered test items in the current test segment. They may change any answers present on this page, but may not access any items on previous pages or in previous segments of the test.
- If all items on the most recently visited page were answered prior to pausing, the student will resume the test on the next page with unanswered items, and will not be allowed to access previous pages or segments of the test.





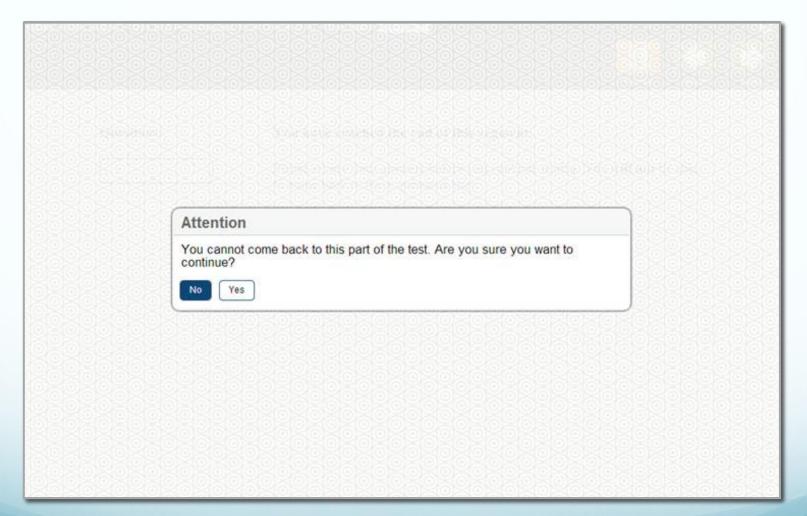
Test Timeout Due to Inactivity

- As a security measure, after 30 minutes of test inactivity, students are logged out and their tests are paused automatically.
- Inactivity is determined by whether or not the student is interacting with the test by selecting answers or using navigation tools. Clicking an empty space on the screen is not considered activity.
- Students will receive a warning message prior to being logged out, and must click OK on the popup within 30 seconds in order to avoid automatic logout and pausing of their tests.
- If a student's test is paused due to inactivity, the same rules apply as when the student intentionally pauses the test.





End of Segment

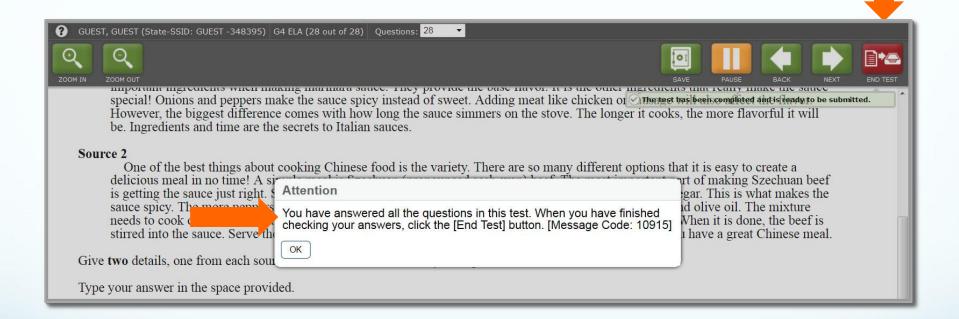








Test End

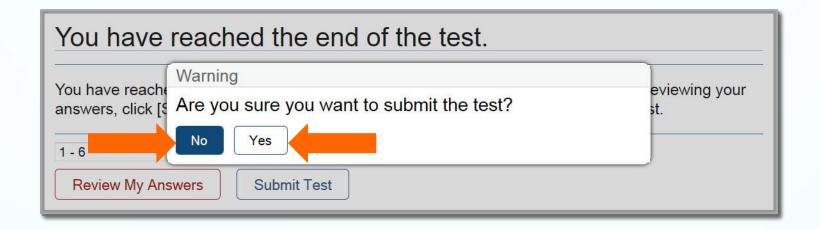








Test End









Classroom Activity

- Gives context to the PerformanceTask
- Approximately 30 minutes long
- Students who miss Classroom Activity





Practice and Training Tests

- Practice Test
 - For teachers, parents, and students
 - Aligned to Common Core Standards
 - Long
 - Practice in content
 - Answer keys and rubrics
- Training Test
 - Short
 - Practice in using tools and features
 - No answer keys or rubrics





Note Taking

- Classroom Activity
 - Students may take notes during the Classroom Activity, but they must be destroyed after the activity
 - Notes on the board and other materials used during the Classroom Activity may not be used during the Performance Task
- Performance Task
 - Students may take notes during the Performance task but may not take them with them or use them again
 - Must be stored securely when collected and then
 - Destroyed securely





Test Security

- Attend conference Test Security Session for more details.
- TAs: Maintain Test Security during session
 - In event of test security incident
 - Make note of item number student left off on
 - Immediately contact System Test Coordinator
 - Follow instructions given by System Test Coordinator
- STCs: Maintain and Report Test Security
 - Notify OPI immediately by phone or email
 - Follow OPI instructions
 - Submit Testing Irregularity Report on MontCAS Online Reporting System.





Security Procedures

As a Test Administrator, you may be tasked with some or all of these activities:

- maintaining a secure testing environment;
- making sure printers are secure;
- securing test materials and student information;
- maintaining security of usernames and passwords;
 and
- reporting potential test security incidents.

Additional information about security can be found in the Test Administration Manual as well as at http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm1_9





After Session

- Collect all student login cards and notes and store securely.
- Make sure all students are logged off.





End of Test Window

- When all students have submitted their tests:
 - Destroy all notes, login cards, materials, etc.
 - Submit online test completed and Test Security Agreement
 - Scoring cannot begin until both are received.





Links on Conference Site

- Conference Materials
- ART: Recorded Module
- Test Administration: Recorded Module
- http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#gpm1_9

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Further Information

Office of Public Instruction

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